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1. IN SOMEWHAT CONFUSED ARTICLE IN LOCAL GOG PRESS TODAY (JUNE 5), ACP AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MOHAMED OMAR GIAMA ALLEGEDLY ACCUSED EEC OF UNILATERALLY ATTEMPTING TO INTRUDE QUOTE

CERTAIN REGULATIONS UNQUOTE INTO LOME CONVENTION CONCERNING SUGAR AND MEAT. GIAMA STATED THAT EEC BEGAN TO FORMULATE REGULATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH ACP COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY DISCUSSION WITH VARIOUS DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE SHED LITTLE LIGHT ON SUBJECT. MOST OF THOSE QUESTIONED DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SPECIFICS, ESPECIALLY GATT ISSUE. BURNHAM HOWEVER IN SPEECH TO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL (REF B) REFERRED DIRECTLY TO SAME THEME OF PRESS ARTICLE. HE SAID QUOTE ALREADY THERE ARE DISTURBING SIGNS THAT THE BUREAUCRACY IN BRUSSELS IN ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INITIAL APPROACHES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION MAY

NOT BE IN TUNE WITH THE SPIRIT THAT SHOULD PERMEATE ITS OPERATION.
THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT IN THE MINDS OF THOSE WHO SHAPE THE
POLICIES OF THE COMMUNITY, WHETHER AT THE NATIONAL OR AT THE
REGIONAL LEVEL, THAT ATTITUDES OF THIS KIND- REMINISCENT OF A
PASSING ERA- ARE UNACCEPTABLE AS A BASIS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN
EUROPE AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE LOME CONVENTION MUST NOT BE
ALLOWED TO BECOME A MERE EXERCISE IN EUROPEAN PUBLIC RELATIONS;
IT MUST BE AN ORGANIC INSTRUMENT OF A NEW AND MUTUALLY REWARDING
REGIME OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ACP STATES.
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